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Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - JUNE 2024

Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month.

6:30pm at St John Ambulance Hall.
72 Napier Street, Tamworth.

Diagonally opposite Anzac Park.

Last meeting: Monday 17th June 2024. 6:30pm.

Next meeting: Monday 8th July 6:30pm

Facebook : Tamworth 4wd Club

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tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Tamworth 4wd Club

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Association website : https://4wdnow.com
Association newsletters: https://4wdnow.com/pages/newsletters

2024-2025 Committee

President	- Col Middleton.	e: president.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Secretary	- Katrina Burton.	e: secretary.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Treasurer	- Leanne Middleton.	e: treasurer.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
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Trip Advisors	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Paul Ellison, Dave Maunder.	

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Editors Dribblings

Hi Everyone,

Typical monthly ramblings and dribblings from the editor.

Rain rain rain. Lots of rain.
Barrington trip over the long-weekend was brilliant. No rain!

Christmas in July at Wallabadah is on again. 26-28th July.
'Location: Springvale' 100 John Street, Wallabadah.
Around 480 acres with some 10 kilometers of 4wd easy to hard tracks. Beaut lookout with 300 degree views overlooking Quirindi and Wallabadah towns.
Lets hope that there isn't much further rain. Its wet enough as it is. Bon fire is built. Ladies toilet has been rebuilt. New shower block is under construction. Its all happening, so make the effort and come along for a great social weekend. Come for the day or the weekend. Raffles and prizes. Fun and games. Travel ramp, hill climb and 4wd funkana Sunday morning. There is even water in the creek !
Three course feed on the Saturday night. $18 adults and about $10 for kids. RSVP is around the 17th July. We will supply heaps of pumpkins this year. Other 4wd clubs more than welcomed to come along.

Dave

Tamworth 4wd Club Monthly Meeting. 17 June 2024

Meeting opened: 6:33pm. 8 members present. 6 visitors.
Members in attendance: Paul, Mel, Leanne, Rick, Katrina, Dave, Adrian, Shaun
Apologies: Colin, Jodie, Chrissy. Graeme, Dave & Karma
Chair: Leanne.

Warm welcomes to our visitors and returning previous club members.

Business arising
Nil

Financials
To be advised.
A few memberships have come in.
- Reserve account:
- Working account:

New Business
-TJM open BBQ day discussion.
-Annual Association invoice has come through from Assoc. Treasurer Tony Ellery.
-Christmas in July initial discussions.
-Christmas in July—Working Bee 20-21 July at Springvale for track cleanup and social.

Correspondence in
- May and June Association newsletters.
- Query regarding club from potential new member Zeak.

Correspondence Out
- May Newsletters to members, clubs and sponsors.
- May and June Association newsletters out to members / Facebook.

Meeting closed: 7:15pm

TRIPS AND TRIP IDEAS

Christmas in July 2024
Working Bee 20-21 July at Springvale for track cleanup and another social weekend.

Christmas in July 2024.
100 John Street, Wallabadah. 26-28th July.

Attunga Forest recky day trip. (Paul) To be announced as a day outing. Probably sooner than later. Announcement may be on the Facebook group.

Family Fun Day Weekend - Richard.
A family fun day weekend (invite out to the public) to entice potential new club members. Three legged races for kids, novelty course. Billy boiling competition from nix, Cook off comp and/or camp oven night.

Terri-Hie-Hie to Ningulailly Pub - Richard.
Cruisey trip sightseeing the partial outback and end up at a pub.
Discussion about trip—may need to be a long weekend due to the five plus hour drive out. Further investigation on suitable time.
To be confirmed / thought out / designed.

Mt Kaputar – Col. Date to be set and further info to be found.

Gloucester to Werrikimbe via back roads – Col.

Coffs Harbour Trip – Paul. Date to be set
Mountains and Pebbly Beach.

Taylors Arm – Paul. Date to be set.

Coolah Tops trip – Dave.
Postponed until main forest road gates are re-opened.
Even with gates closed, can still go to two waterfalls (when not in drought), and around five camping locations. Need to book via National Parks.

Barrington Trip — Water Gauge. June Longweekend 2024

Colin and Leanne arrived in Wallabadah at 8:15am on the Saturday morning with brake issues (hot). We fiddled for 25 minutes and couldn't work out the issue in drizzling rain. Rechecked at Willow Tree (hot) and by Kancool we ripped the electric pads off the trailer. Into Murrurundi and the sky just cleared for us—bright blue sky and sunlight! Into Scone for fuel and met up with another couple from Cessnock. Since it seemed drier in the Hunter than the north, we decided to attempt the Carters ridge line track, so off we toddled towards Elleston, up the big hill, past Pheasants Creek turn off, Tomalla, past Devils Ark, past about 40 dirt bike riders, and then air'd down at the ridge line track. The track was in excellent condition with grassy coverage, a few small bog holes further on. I always thoroughly enjoy this track, probably is my favourite, being picturesque and the back way into Barrington that appears to be very unknown. With the turn off being very easy to miss and not sign-posted probably helps keep a lot of traffic off it. From the boundary gate into Barrington itself to the Water Gauge turn off is only another five minutes. I took a load of firewood from home, however we grabbed some more firewood & kindling just before entering into the state forest. Another 20 minutes and we were at Water Gauge—along with everyone else! The place was packed! Busiest and most populated have ever seen it. Our three vehicles found our own little pocket right beside the river and set up camp, unloaded the firewood. At some point I got bored and cleared the immediate Scotch Broome that was between us and the river—opening it right up to then have a nice view of the river.

Sunday we lounged around for a bit, said our goodbyes to Justin & Danni as they continued on to Hanging Rock, and then around lunch time decided to go for a little drive. Firstly down into The Cascades (Wombat Road) where the northern track in is now 35" tyre country, whilst the southern track was beaut 2wd condition. There was no one at the Cascades camp grounds which seemed a bit weird, as its closer, more publicised on maps, and far easier for access. We cruised on down a short track trying to find a lookout over the escarpment but finally arrived at a very overgrown track with years-old trees now growing up in the middle of the track. We did a u-ey, did a complete circuit of the Dilgry circle and an hour later were back at Water Gauge. Pulled out a Zuke from a bog hole. Lounged around for the rest of the afternoon.

Monday morning, packed up, dragged a Troopy with no front drive from camp site to the top. Travelled back home via Elleston, Timor, Crawney, Nundle.

Was a brilliant weekend, no rain, and was no where near as cold as what we were expecting.

FOR SALE:

YOUR AD VERT HERE

4sale Kings Rooftop Tent
$1500 ono in very good condition.

See Paul Ellison.

Introducing the Tamworth 4wd Club Stubby Cooler. $10.00 each.

Contact Paul Ellison, or tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

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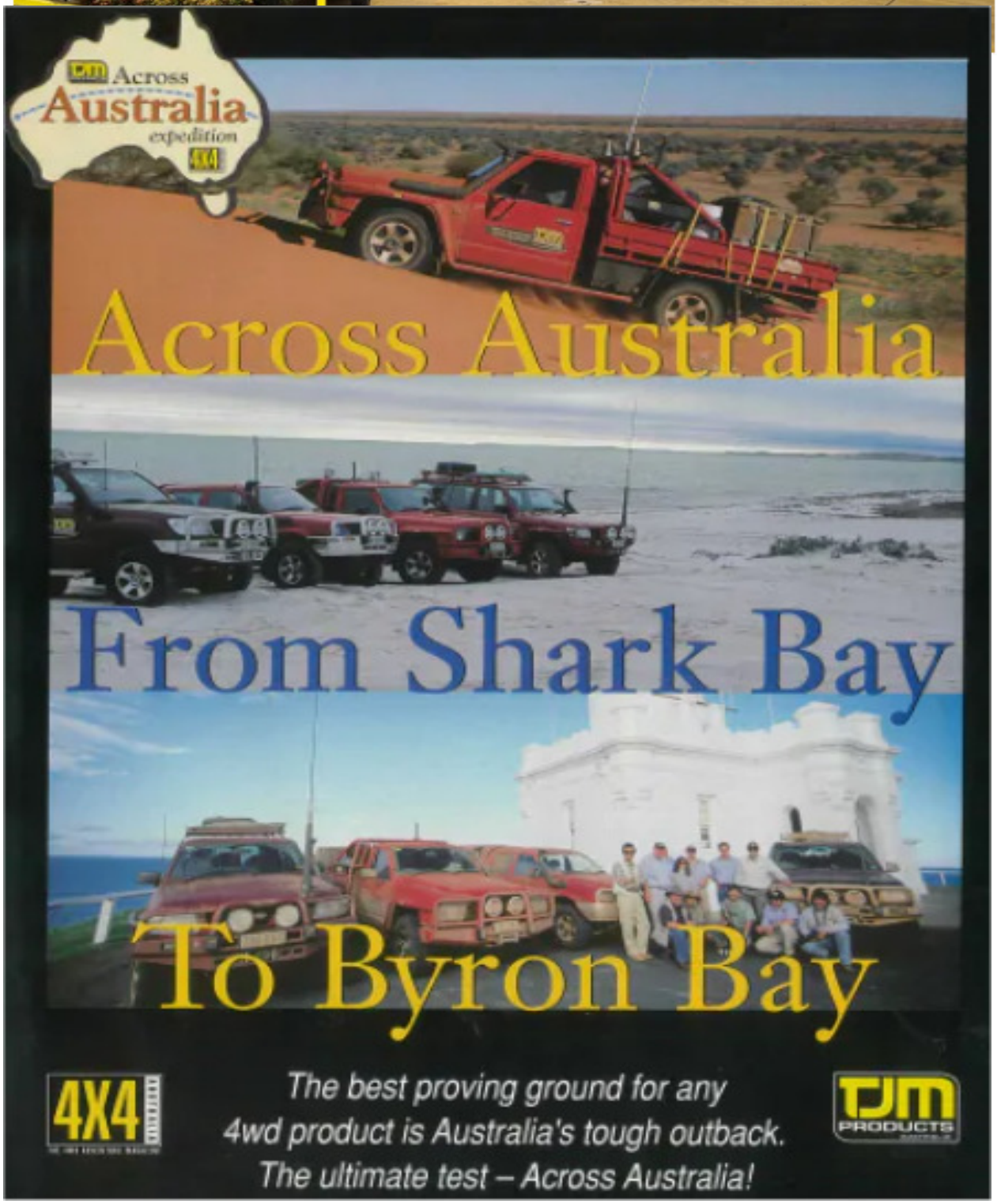
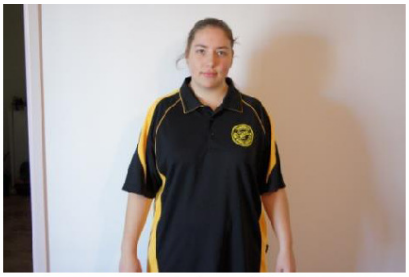
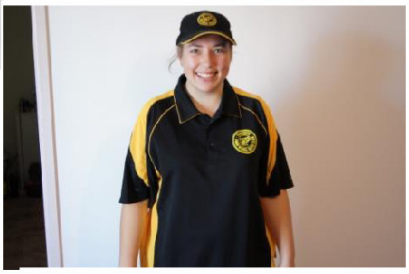
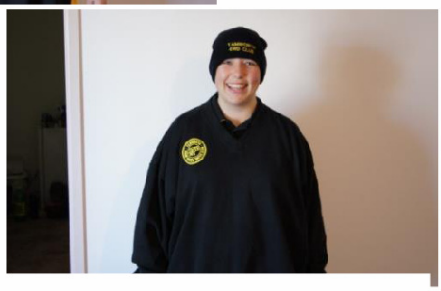


Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



Adults:

- $27 - Polo Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $40 - Hoodies
- $15 - Caps
- $15 Beanies

Kids

- $22 - Polo Shirts
- $17 - T-Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer – Leanne Middleton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com
: dave.maunder@gmail.com
Phone (Dave) : 0429111017
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(Leanne) : 0408605343
Family membership: $60/year

Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname: ……

First Name: …… DOB: ……

Partner's Name: …… …… DOB: ……

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Which would you prefer published in the newsletter? Residential/Postal

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☐ I wish to receive the newsletter by ordinary mail and not by email.

Phone Number: Home: …… **Work**: ……

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Year: …… Registration: ……

Name of Relative/friend in case of emergency: ……

Emergency contact phone number: ……

Signature of Member: …… Date: ……

Signature of Partner: …… Date: ……

Please bring completed form along to the next club meeting and hand it to the secretary or send to

XXX
P.O. Box 33[illegible]
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Privacy Statement and Update of Member Details

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 2001, it is an offence to publish or distribute the personal information of any member of the Tamworth 4WD Club Inc. without the written permission of the member. Similarly, we are not permitted to publish any photographs of club member's vehicles or their families when on club trips without written permission. In order to organise club trips and events, the trip leader or event organiser needs to contact club members and we need to be able to pass your details to fellow club members. Also, we like to include trip and social reports, including photos, and promote the club at sponsor's promotion days and 4WD shows.

In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:

Please answer the sections below and return ASAP:

Section 1

Please tick the statement with which you agree

☐ I/We hereby **give permission** for the Tamworth 4WD Club to include my personal details (name, address & phone? In the members list which is published each month in the newsletter and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to club sponsors and other 4WD clubs. Or

☐ I/We **do not give permission** for the Tamworth 4WD Club to include my personal detail (name, address & phone? In the members list which is published each month in the newsletter and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to club sponsors and other 4WD clubs.

Section 2

Please tick the statement with which you agree

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Names of Members:

_____

Member's Signatures:

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MEMBERS CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called my reverse of alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members resent at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.

History of the Tamworth 4WD Club

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The Objectives of the Club

- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

Current Financial Members
Rick & Katrina Burton
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Shaun Morrison
Paul Ellison & Melinda Bridge
Chrissy & Dave Maunder
Richard Mariner
Jocelyn Spicer
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Dave & Karma Walters
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Sam Walters & Izzy Cleaver
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